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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of October 2, 2002, it is requested that the claims be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A
Claim 1 (amended). A method of producing a polyuronic acid having an average degree of polymerization less than 20, comprising the steps:

(a) providing a solution containing 5 wt.% or more of a polyuronic acid consisting essentially of a 1,4-linked polyuronic acid block, wherein the polyuronic

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